

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (New): A multimedia preview system in a client/server-based network environment for browsing content of requested multimedia data to be previewed, the content being displayed on a client terminal accessing a multimedia server which holds the multimedia data, comprising:

controlling means for adapting a speed of browsing and/or a detail level of presentation in text and/or image depending on a type and/or frequency of user commands instructing the multimedia preview system to browse either quicker or slower through the content of the multimedia data such that a degree of presented details is higher the lower the speed of presentation and vice versa, and for changing the layout of the displayed multimedia data.

Claim 10 (New): A system according to claim 9, further comprising means for displaying the multimedia data with different layouts depending on the speed of browsing.

Claim 11 (New): A system according to claim 9, further comprising means for setting semantic focus proportional to the browsing speed.

Claim 12 (New): A system according to claim 9, further comprising means for introducing special tags in the multimedia data for changing the layout of displayed multimedia data.

Claim 13 (New): A multimedia preview system according to claim 9, wherein the multimedia preview system is realized as a video-on-demand system with an additional video browsing functionality for varying the speed and detail level of a presentation depending on the type and/or frequency of user commands instructing the multimedia preview system to change the speed of browsing such that the detail level is higher the lower the speed of presentation and vice versa.

Claim 14 (New): A multimedia preview system according to claim 9, wherein the controlling means includes a touch-sensitive display for navigating through the multimedia data to be previewed.

Claim 15 (New): A method for browsing the content of multimedia data to be previewed, the content being displayed on a client terminal accessing a multimedia server which holds the multimedia data, comprising:

downloading the multimedia data from the multimedia server to the client terminal via a network link;

the multimedia server receiving and processing user commands of representation parameters demanding a change in a speed of browsing and/or in detail level of presentation;

decomposing the multimedia data into non-redundant and redundant, less relevant parts;

adapting the representation parameters by online filtering out a certain amount of the redundant, less relevant parts depending on a type and/or frequency of the user commands such that a degree of presented details is higher the lower the speed of presentation and vice versa; and

displaying an adapted version of the multimedia data on the client terminal,

wherein the layout of the displayed multimedia data is changed.

Claim 16 (New): A method according to claim 15, wherein the multimedia data is displayed with different layouts depending on the speed of browsing.

Claim 17 (New): A method according to claim 15, wherein semantic focus is set proportional to the browsing speed.

Claim 18 (New): A method according to claim 15, wherein special tags are introduced in the multimedia data for changing the layout of displayed multimedia data.

Claim 19 (New): A method according to claim 15, further comprising:
associating metadata of any kind allowing users to identify segmented parts of multimedia data to be previewed to the multimedia data; and
synchronizing the metadata with the multimedia data.

Claim 20 (New): A method according to claim 15, wherein the user commands are movements of a user's finger across a touch-sensitive display, a length of a movement path being directly proportional to the speed of browsing and/or the detail level of presentation when displaying the multimedia data.

Claim 21 (New): A method according to claim 15, wherein the user commands are forces exerted by a user's finger to a surface of a touch-sensitive display, the force being directly proportional to the speed of browsing and/or the detail level of presentation when displaying the multimedia data.

Claim 22 (New): A method according to claim 15, wherein the user commands are a duration of forces exerted by a user's finger to a surface of a touch-sensitive display, the duration being directly proportional to the speed of browsing and/or the detail level of presentation when displaying the multimedia data.